

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 8, 2007. Claims 2, 8 and 22 have been canceled, and their recitations have been incorporated into their respective base claims, and recitations analogous to those of Claim 22 have also been incorporated into independent Claim 29; these actions are taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. In addition, the dependency of Claim 49 has been corrected. Claims 1, 4, 7, 21, 29, 31-41, 44-46, 48 and 49 remain pending in this application, of which Claims 1, 7, 21, and 29 are independent. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 2, 8 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Since the independent claims have been rewritten to incorporate the recitations of the mentioned allowable claims, they are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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